

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method is proposed, suitable for modern personal computing systems, whereby a text-user can choose the writing-system in which a given text will be displayed and printed. Several writing-systems made possible or practicable by the use of a system of display-options are disclosed, plus appropriate teaching and self-teaching methods. Such writing-systems have different uses and advantages, all being in one or more respects superior to standard text. Methods are also disclosed to enable text users to edit text in all or most of these systems, yet thereafter return the text to standard form for printing or for electronic distribution to other persons. Methods are disclosed for comparing and inter-leaving or text-morphing word-shapes in differing writing-systems in ways that facilitate the transfer of reading skills from one writing-system to another. Further methods and systems for converting text from alphabetic to pictographic or logographic writing-systems are disclosed. Also disclosed are teaching and self-teaching methods for literacy and for foreign languages and specifically for Chinese or Japanese logographs, as well as for newly-developed pictographic or logographic systems.